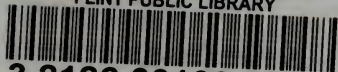


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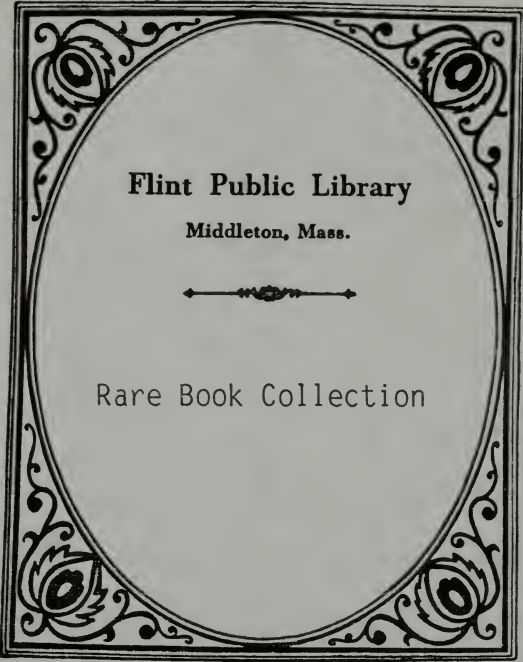
Town of Middleton

FOR THE

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# REPORT.

## Selectmen's Department.

### TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

J. A. Batchelder, as Selectman and Assessor.....	\$54 50
B. P. Richardson,                   "                   " .....	53 45
O. L. Carleton,                   "                   " .....	55 50
S. A. Fletcher, as Treasurer.....	25 00
Joseph A. Batchelder, as Town Clerk.....	8 00
J. A. Batchelder, recording marriages, births, and deaths.....	16 20
B. T. McGlauflin, as Constable.....	15 00
Ansel P. Tyler, as School Committee.....	30 00
Hiram A. Stiles,                   "                   " .....	35 00
B. P. Richardson,                   "                   " .....	5 00
Jesse W. Peabody, as Collector.....	68 12
Farnham Stiles, as Sealer of weights and measures,	3 00
B. T. McGlauflin, as Fish Warden.....	5 00
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	\$373 77

### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Ward 1. W. H. Hutchinson, Surveyor, Appropri- ation.....	\$108 82
2. B. T. McGlauflin, Surveyor, Appropriation	145 00
3. Jeremiah Fuller,                   "                   " .....	55 00
4. George E. Soper,                   "                   " .....	55 00
5. John J. Coughlin,                   "                   " .....	59 25
6. H. Erskine Howe,                   "                   " .....	57 00
7. H. T. Sheldon,                   "                   " .....	65 00
8. Lyman S. Wilkins,                   "                   " .....	89 15
9. S. M. Peabody,                   "                   " .....	60 50
10. Sylvanus Flint,                   "                   " .....	67 00

George E. Soper, repairing culvert .....	5 00
Samuel M. Peabody, repairing bridge.....	4 25
J. B. Thomas & Co., timber and plank.....	31 46
Town of Peabody, repairing bridge.....	23 29
Turner & Harrington, plank.....	25 41
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, nails.....	50
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	\$851 63

### STATE AID AND RELIEF OF INDIGENT SOLDIERS.

Orders drawn from State Aid from Feb. 1, 1883 to Feb. 1, 1884.....	\$153 00
Orders drawn for relief Indigent Soldiers, from Feb. 22, 1883 to Feb. 22, 1884, as follows :	
Patrick Gillispie.....	111 57
Isaiah B. Peabody.....	144 00
Dennis Wells .....	96 00
W. Warner Peabody.....	46 00
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	\$550 57

### SCHOOL BOOK ACCOUNT.

Amount of books on hand at the close of last year..	\$116 77
Amount of books purchased this year.....	118 76
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	\$235 53
Deduct amount of books now on hand.....	151 14
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Leaving amount of books sold .....,.....	\$84 39

### TOWN HALL ACCOUNT.

#### EXPENSES.

Sanger & Hood, coal in 1883.....	\$ 8 50
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	24 00
F. E. Campbell, services as janitor.....	9 30
F. E. Campbell, cash paid for grate.....	2 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, oil .....	9 45

M. J. Cheney, services as janitor.....	64 70
M. J. Cheney, cash paid for cleaning hall .....	6 50
Merriam & Tyler, coal.....	15 19
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	\$140 39

#### RECEIPTS.

Cash received for use of Hall.....	\$100 50
Due for use of Hall.....	34 00
Balance against the town.....	5 89
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	\$140 39

#### FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance of last year's appropriation.....	\$70 85
Appropriation .....	75 00
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	\$145 85
Deduct amount drawn .....	96 37
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Leaving amount undrawn.....	\$49 48

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

J. H. Choate & Co., printing town reports.....	\$ 22 00
Danvers Water Board, water at Cemetery.....	6 00
Hall Rubber Co., rubber hose, fire coats etc.....	419 52
J. J. Grothe, purchasing hose and cash paid.....	3 40
B. T. McGlaufflin, purchasing hose and cash paid.	3 65
Cowperthwait & Co., school books.....	99 48
Charles S. Buffum, stools and covers.....	12 50
T. P. Merriam, rent of shed for hose.....	12 00
T. J. Hutchinson, printing fish notices.....	1 40
Harvey Cook, cleaning out brook.....	1 25
Charles E. Berry, painting town hall.....	50 00
Charles E. Berry, varnishing towh hall.....	14 25
Charles E. Berry, paint .....	3 15
Henry Hale & Co., paint stock.....	58 84
Samuel Trask, varnish.....	9 30
Thomas Carlim, labor at cemetery.....	50 00
W. A. Phelps, administering oaths.....	1 00

M. E. Tyler, supplies for street lamp.....	2 98
M. E. Tyler, lanterns.....	1 75
Knight, Adams & Co., school books.....	15 28
E. L. & F. S. Rollings, window shades.....	9 60
William Ware, school books.....	4 00
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, account books.....	44
G. E. Wilkins, expressage.....	2 00
J. A. Batchelder, journeys out of town.....	3 00
J. A. Batchelder, car-fare, postage, book etc.....	6 53
J. W. Peabody, discount allowed on taxes.....	257 39
Flint Public Library.....	96 37
Amount paid to fireman.....	36 00
J. W. Russell, services as sexton.....	10 00
W. H. Hutchinson, removing snow.....	1 75
S. W. Weston, removing snow.....	2 70
Jesse W. Peabody, abatements.....	59 51
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	\$1277 04

## School Department.

### CENTRE SCHOOLS.

Mary E. Burrill, teaching Grammar School.....	\$360 00
Olive R. Graves, teaching Primary School.....	324 00
H. M. McKenney, services as janitor.....	20 00
Batchelder & Co., coal.....	42 00
Jeremiah Fuller, wood.....	13 75
H. M. McKenney, sawing wood and sifting ashes.....	14 00
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	\$773 75

### EAST SCHOOL.

Charles S. Averill, teaching.....	\$ 10 80
Catharine A. Berry, teaching.....	340 00
Amos L. Peabody, care of fires.....	15 00
William Berry, wood.....	4 50
A. W. Peabody, wood.....	4 00
M. J. Peabody, sawing wood.....	5 00—\$379 30



## NORTH SCHOOL.

Lettie A. Hatch, teaching .....	\$324 00	
Farnham Stiles, wood.....	17 87	
Myron G. Berry, wood.....	3 50	
William Berry, wood.....	4 50	
Myron G. Berry, sawing wood.....	4 00	
Milton W. Berry, care of fires.....	4 00	
Myron G. Berry, care of fires.....	6 00	—\$363 87
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		\$1516 92
Balance due the schools.....		94 05
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		\$1610 97
Balance due the schools last year....	\$ 118 28	
Town appropriation for schools.....	1200 00	
Amount rec'd from State School Fund	214 54	
Amount rec'd from dog licenses.....	78 15	—\$1610 97

## INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

W. Q. Richardson, use of well.....	\$ 6 00
George P. Wilkins, “ “ “ .....	3 00
Dennis Wells, repairs on School House.....	17 15
John Gage, repairs on clock.....	1 25
Farnham Stiles, repairs on School House.....	1 00
Loren Goodwin, use of well.....	3 00
J. H. Choate & Co., printing school reports.....	13 00
C. W. Clark, reading charts and slating.....	11 75
M. E. Tyler, school supplies.....	18 29
M. E. Tyler, loss on books exchanged.....	12 01
William Wood & Co., supplies.....	8 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, “ .....	8 57
H. A. Stiles, chairs &c.....	2 35
A. P. Tyler, expenses and supplies.....	14 47
B. P. Richardson, removing ashes.....	2 00
J. W. Peabody, use of well.....	3 00
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	\$125 59

## Overseers' Department.

H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Andrew Gould	\$ 52 00
George Flint, wood " " "	5 50
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Mrs. Bird....	2 00
M. E. Tyler, " " " " .....	6 00
George Flint, wood " " " " .....	5 90
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Samuel Curry and family.....	86 86
M. E. Tyler, supplies for Samuel Curry and family	3 50
A. W. Peabody, butcher's supplies " " "	5 50
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical attendance " "	8 00
George Flint, wood for Samuel Curry and family	5 50
A. W. Peabody, wood and cutting " " "	8 00
Lyman Ramsdell, cutting wood " " "	2 50
A. W. Peabody, wood and cutting " " "	4 75
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for Wm. Freeman	4 48
M. E. Tyler, " " " " "	13 25
J. F. Hayward, butcher's supplies " "	1 50
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, medical attendance and medicine for Wm. Freeman.....	6 00
A. W. Peabody, supplies for Wm. Freeman.....	4 80
Town of Danvers, aid ren'd Rufus Silver and family	107 36
Danvers Co. Asso., supplies " " "	39 00
Smart and McCrellis, supplies " " "	21 00
George Flint, wood " " "	2 07
A. W. Peabody, " " " " "	7 00
Daniel Fuller, " " " " "	3 98
B. T. McGlaufflin, medicine for Mrs. Silver.....	2 60
H. A. Stiles, wood, Rufus Silver and family.....	6 00
Batchelder and Co., coal, " " " " .....	33 00
Dr. H. F. Batchelder, med. atten. and medicine for Rufus Silver and family.....	30 00
Mrs. A. Dowdell, nursing Mrs. Silver.....	5 00
A. W. Peabody, wood for Rufus Silver and family	4 75
Moses Peabody, extra care for Flint Esty for 1882	10 00
Louis Peabody, board for Flint Esty.....	194 75

Dr. H. F. Batchelder, Medical Attendance and Medicine for Flint Esty .....	3 50
State, for board of B. F. Averill at Danvers Lunatic Asylum .....	100 40
H. P. Ives, book for record and paper-cutter.....	1 60
Dr. P. M. Chase, medical attendance and medicine for P. Glispie, Dec. 22—24, 1881.....	3 00
M. E. Tyler, horse hire.....	1 25
City of Salem, aid for Henry Mansfield.....	50 99
J. W. Russell, removing remains of Mrs. Nichols	2 50
Town of Danvers, aid for Richard Tiernan.....	146 85
Town of Peabody, care of Rhoda Daniels.....	167 96
Daniel Fuller, wood for tramp house.....	3 67
H. A. Wilkins & Sons, supplies for tramp house..	6 25
O. L. Carlton, services and cash paid.....	5 00
A. W. Peabody, “ “ “ .....	5 00
B. T. McGlauffin, “ “ “ .....	20 50
B. T. McGlauffin, care of tramps.....	6 60
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Amount of orders drawn by Overseers.....	\$1217 62
Unsettled bills of this year.....	93 00
Due from North Reading.....	\$ 138 51
Due from State.....	60 00
Unsettled bills of last year.....	60 00
Whole cost of supporting the poor....	1,052 11
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	\$1,310 62 \$1,310 62

### Summary of Expenses.

Town Officers' Bills.....	\$ 373 77
Highway and Bridges.....	851 63
State Aid and Relief of Indigent Soldiers.....	550 57
Town Hall expenses.....	140 39
Miscellaneous .....	1,277 04
Schools .....	1,516 92
Incidental School Expenses.....	125 59
Poor Department.....	1,217 61
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Total amount of orders drawn.....	\$6,053 53

## STATE AND COUNTY TAXES.

Paid State Tax.....	\$450 00
County Tax.....	598 86
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	\$1,048 86

The selectmen submit the following estimate of the sums necessary to be raised by taxation to defray the ordinary expenses of the town the ensuing year :

Current Expenses.....	\$2,000 00
Reduction of Town Debt.....	500 00
Interest .....	300 00
Schools .....	1,200 00
Highways .....	800 00
Bridges.....	100 00
Public Library....	100 00
Cemetery.....	50 00
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	\$5,050 00

JESSE W. PEABODY, TAX COLLECTOR, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON.

DR.

Tax list of 1883.....	\$6,814 38
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CR.

Am't paid Treasurer on list of 1883.....	\$5,033 30
“ of County Tax paid.....	598 86
Uncollected on tax list of 1883.....	1,182 22
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	\$6,814 38

DR.

Bal. of tax list of 1882 as per last year's report...	\$1,227 82
Interest collected.....	20 90
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	1,248 72

CR.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1882..	\$1,056 36
Uncollected on tax list of 1882.....	192 36
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	\$1,248 72

Dr.

Bal. of tax list of 1881 as per last year's report.....	\$348 78
Interest collected.....	11 20

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 \$359 98

Cr.

Paid Treasurer on tax list of 1881.....	\$351 75
Uncollected on tax list of 1881.....	8 23
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	\$359 98

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE TOWN OF MIDDLETON, FOR  
THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 22, 1884.

To balance of last year's account.....	\$3,006 54
To cash of Moses Peabody, lumber.....	2 60
State Treasurer, corporation tax.....	73 20
North Reading, pauper account.....	96 53
F. E. Campbell, use of Town Hall.....	39 00
E. L. Lovejoy, peddler's license.....	3 00
S. F. Esty, on tax of 1880.....	19 22
State Treasurer, pauper account.....	119 87
“ “ corporation tax.....	94 36
“ “ bank tax.....	185 27
“ “ state aid.....	208 00
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded....	78 15
State Treasurer, school fund.....	214 54
“ “ corporation tax.....	108 72
“ “ relief of indigent soldiers	160 93
Different persons, for cemetery lots.....	30 00
Town of Danvers, gravel.....	3 00
M. E. Tyler, school books.....	84 39
M. J. Cheney, use of Town Hall.....	100 50
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1881.....	351 75
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1882.....	1,056 36
Jesse W. Peabody, on tax of 1883.....	5,033 30
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	\$11,069 23

By cash paid on notes.....	\$2,000 00
as interest on notes.....	425 00
State Treasurer, state tax..	450 00
on Selectmen's and Over-	
seer's orders.....	6,059 38
Balance in Treasury.....	2,134 85
	<hr/> \$11,069 23

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, TREASURER

## Assessors' Valuation of Property.

Real Estate.....	\$448,825 00
Personal Estate.....	77,540 00
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Number of Polls, 249.

Tax on Polls.....	\$498 00
Rate of Taxation \$12.00 per \$1,000.	
Tax on Real Estate.....	5,385 90
Tax on Personal Estate.....	930 48
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Amount voted by the town for current expenses,	\$2,000 00
“ “ “ reduction of town debt,	500 00
“ “ “ interest.....	400 00
“ “ “ schools.....	1,200 00
“ “ “ highways and bridges.	950 00
“ “ “ library.....	75 00
“ “ “ fire department.....	500 00
“ “ “ cemetery.....	50 00
State tax.....	450 00
County tax.....	598 86
Overlay on taxes.....	90 52
	<hr/> \$6,814 38

## Selectmen's Valuation of Town Property.

Flint Public Library.....	\$2,500 00
Town Hall and land.....	7,000 00
School Houses.....	8,800 00

Lock-up.....	500 00
Cemetery .....	500 00
Hearse and House.....	400 00
Fire Apparatus.....	600 00
Gravel Pit.....	50 00
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	\$20,350 00

## Financial Condition of the Town.

### LIABILITIES.

Amount of town notes on interest at 5 per cent. .	\$6,500 00
“ due the schools.....	94 05
“ due the library.....	49 48
“ of unsettled bills.....	100 00
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	\$6,743 53

### ASSETS.

Balance in treasury as per Treasurer's account. .	\$2,134 85
Due for State aid reimbursements.....	168 00
Due from State for relief of indigent soldiers.....	225 00
Due from State on pauper account.....	60 00
Due from North Reading on pauper account....	138 51
Due for Cemetery lots.....	44 00
School books on hand.....	151 14
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1881.....	8 23
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1882.....	192 36
Amount of uncollected taxes for 1883.....	1,182 22
Balance against the town.....	2,439 22
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	\$6,743 53
Decrease in town debt.....	\$1,031 38

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen of Middleton.
B. P. RICHARDSON,		
O. L. CARLETON,		

Middleton Feb. 20, 1884.



## Flint Public Library.

THE TRUSTEES OF FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY HEREWITH  
PRESENT THEIR FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

We find that our Library has been well appreciated by the inhabitants of the town during the past year, and it is pleasant to notice that there has been an increase of interest in works of History and general literature.

Most of the books which were added to the Library at the beginning of the year have been in constant demand, and we have the pleasure of announcing a further addition, as soon as practicable through the generosity of Hon. Charles L. Flint who has again kindly remembered us.

Joseph A. Batchelder,	}	Trustees.
William A. Phelps,		
Samuel A. Fletcher,		
James Flint,		
Gilman A. Kimball,		
Ansel P. Tyler.		

### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books in Library Feb. 1, 1883, volumes.....	2,747
“ from old Library of East District.....	21
“ Presented by William Weston.....	19
“ “ Mass. State Library.....	1
“ “ Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ State Board Agriculture Library..	1
“ “ U. S. War Department.....	3
“ “ Secretary of Commonwealth.....	2
“ “ Salem Peabody Acad. of Science..	1

Total.....2,796

Pamphlets from Woburn Pub. Library.....	1
“ “ Peabody Institute, Peabody.....	1
“ “ Newton Free Library.....	1
“ “ Mass. State Library.....	1
“ “ Director of U. S. Mint.....	3

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Whole number of books taken from the Library from

Feb. 1, 1883 to Feb. 1, 1884.....7,168

SAMUEL A. FLETCHER, LIBRARIAN.

Middleton, Feb. 1, 1884.



## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from the town.....	\$96 37	
“ from sale of catalogues, fines etc..	18 11	
Brought over from last year.....	4 31	
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Paid Librarian's salary.....	64 00	
“ printing 300 supplements to the old catalogue.....	26 00	
“ insurance on the Library.....	15 00	
“ rebinding books.....	4 91	
“ express on books.....	60	
“ for paper to cover books.....	90	
“ for four gallons of oil.....	72	
“ for replacing two books.....	2 17	
“ postage.....	18	
“ cash in the Treasury .....	4 31	—\$118 79

There is a balance in Danvers Savings Bank of \$71 00.  
Mr. Flint has also given the Treasurer a Check for \$100  
to be spent for books for the Library at an early date.

WM. A. PHELPS, Treasurer.

## Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

*To Benjamin T. McGlaulin, Constable of the  
Town of Middleton, in the County of Essex,  
Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Middleton, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on MONDAY, the third day of March, next, at *nine o'clock in the forenoon*, then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will raise to defray town charges the ensuing year, and determine how the same shall be appropriated.

ART. 5. To act on the list of Jurors prepared and posted by the selectmen.

ART. 6. To see what action the town will take concerning the Cemetery.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in relation to letting the Town Hall.

ART. 8. To see what action the town will take for the prevention of fires, and in respect to the election and compensation of firemen.

ART. 9. To see what regulations the town will make in regard to fishing in Middleton pond.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes which a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

ART. 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire such sums of money, in anticipation of the taxes, as may be necessary to meet current expenses.

ART. 12. To vote upon the question, Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town? The vote will be by separate ballot; and the ballot shall be "Yes" or "No" in answer to said question.

ART. 13. To see if the town will vote to paint the School Houses the present year.

ART. 14. To see if the town will raise a sum of money for providing Guide Boards for the Streets, and placing numbers upon the buildings.

ART. 15. To see if the town will purchase a large Safe for a suitable place for the town records, the present year.

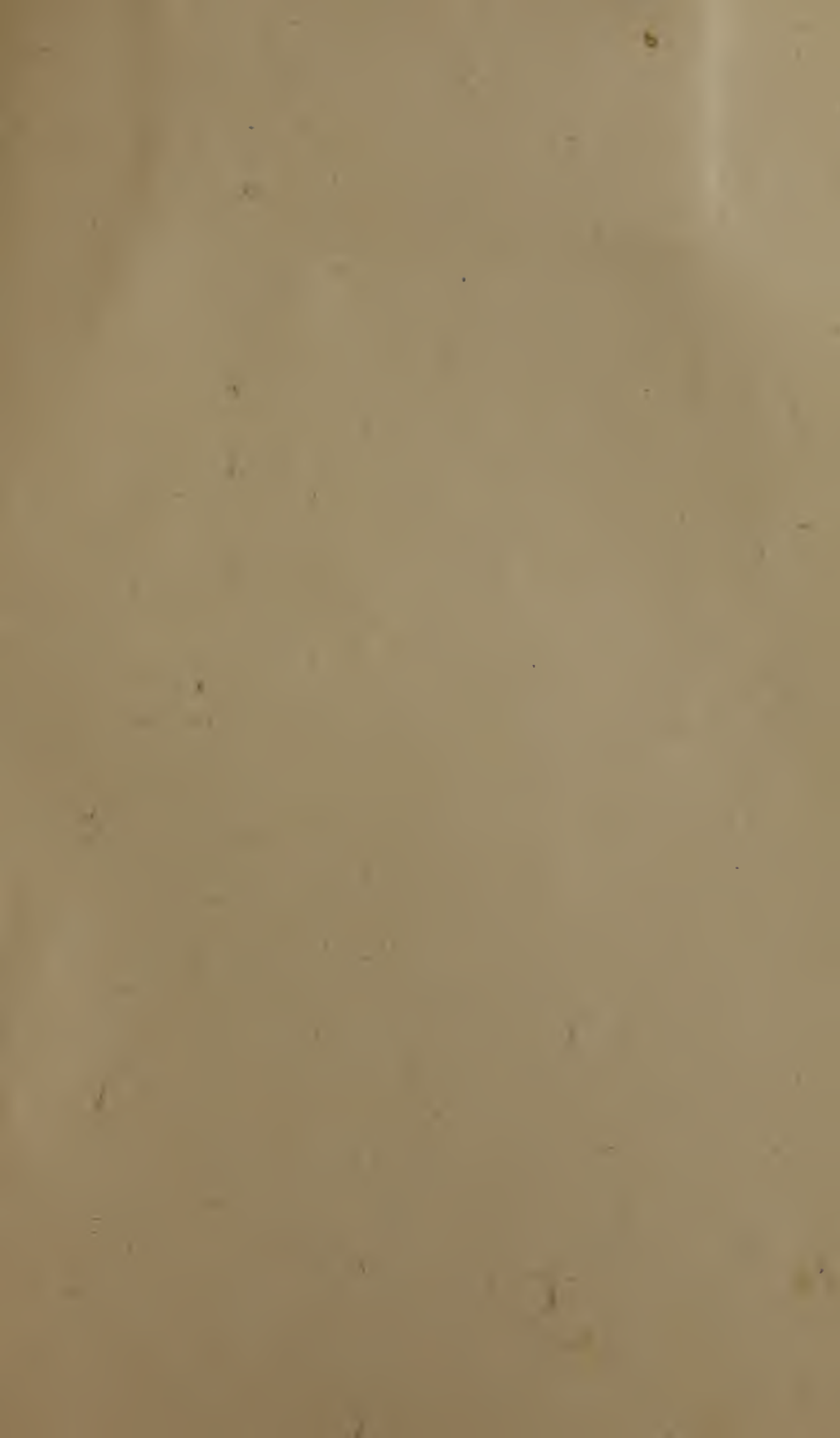
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, and one at the Post Office, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of February, A. D., 1884.

J. A. BATCHELDER,	}	Selectmen
O. L. CARLETON,		of
B. P. RICHARDSON,		Middleton.





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